

Marcos Polo (1254-1324) accompanied his father and uncle to China. Traveling across Persia, Tartary & the Gobi Desert, they arrived at CHANDU in 1275 where Marcos Polo won the high favor of Kublai Khan, who appointed him Governor of Yeng Chow and later employed him in several missions.

1271-1295 journey
c. 1254-1324 life

MARCO POLO - Venetian explorer famous
for his overland journey to China (1271-1295)
Reaching China in 1275 he served as envoy
of the ruler Kubla Khan. He was appointed
Gov. of Yangchow for 3 years and assisted
in the capture of the city of Sanchu. He
returned home to Venice (1295) laden
with a treasure in precious stones. He
commanded a galley against the Genoese

at the battle of CURZOLA (1298) and was captured. In prison, he wrote an important account of his travels which later inspired explorers such as Christopher COLUMBUS to search for a sea passage to the EAST.

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1271

Crusades

Nazareth was captured by
Prince Edward (later King EDWARD I)
of England.

1271

arrived 1275

Marco Polo Travelled To the Far East

The Mongol empire vanished so swiftly at one
time. But it did serve to bring the Far East into
commercial contact with the West. In 1271 Marco Polo
set out overland with his father and uncle for Kublai's
court in Peking. His father had already made a trading
expedition to the Far East in 1266.

They arrived in 1275 and Marco became a
favorite of the Khan, who employed him over
the next 18 years, largely as a commercial factor. He

progress in China was not remarkable. The French
had founded a factory, a trading post in TATON.
Marco Polo's fame rests on the account that he
published of his travels in Il Milione (written in 1298).
It is a detailed account of the manners, govern-
ments, and economics of the places that he
visited.

For Centauria it was almost the only
source of information about paper
money, coal, asbestos and others.

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1271-1295

MARCO POLO

He visited central Asia, China,
India, Persia.

1278-1275

Marco Polo of Venice travelled
to China.

1271

Marco Polo started on trip to Cathay

1271

Marco Polo begins 24-year
journey to court of Kublai Khan

1271-1292

Marco Polo in China

1271-1272

9th Crusade